

Amendments to the Specification

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, lines <sup>1-25</sup> ~~7-24~~, and page 8, lines <sup>3</sup> ~~1-12~~ and replace with the following amended paragraphs.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Referring to the Drawings, Figs. 1, 2 and 3 describe frontal or putterface elevational, side elevational and plan views, respectively, of one embodiment of the present invention in which the centerline forward extending section ~~extending hosel~~ 1 protrudes forward, generally horizontally, from the putterface 2 above the intended strikepoint 15 at an elevation above the putter soleplane equal to or greater than the diameter of a golf ball (1.68 inches or 4.27 mm) thus avoiding interference or contact with said hosel when a ball is being struck by said putter. In this embodiment the said forward hosel-extension extending section 1, protrudes forward from the face a distance approximately equal to a golf ball. The lateral 3 and upward 4 shaft connecting hosel sections are so arranged that the putter shaft 5 does not obscure any portion of a golf ball 6 when viewed from above (Fig. 3). Alternatively, said shaft connecting hosel sections 3 and 4 may be replaced by a bent lower shaft section (not shown). The sight line 11 on the top surface of the forward extending section 1, the "forward extending sight line" 11, and the "rearward extending sight line" 10 on the top surface of the rearward extension 7, together provide a longer sight line than would otherwise be possible without addition of said forward extending section 1 with said forward

line, 11. ~~S~~Said rearward extension 7 does not function as a hosel (shaft to clubhead connection), but provides or supports a said rearward extending sight line 10, and may help support the faceplate 2 and forward extending hosel section 1 through (not shown) or above it (shown), or the sole 8. In this embodiment, the distance between the sole plane of the putterhead 8 and the straight shaft connection point 9 is equal to or slightly less than 5 inches or 12.7 mm as currently required under The USGA Rules of Golf. The end of said upward hosel section 4 is fitted with a stop surface 9 and a slip over protrusion ~~11~~ or rod 30 (shown) or socket (not shown) for receiving and attaching via adhesive or other means, a puttershaft 5. That portion of the putterhead with said rearward ~~sight-line~~ extension 7 with rearward sight line 10 on top, protruding rearward from the putterface 2 has a length equal to or slightly less than the horizontal width of said putterhead 2. The horizontal plane upper surface 11 and 10 of both said forward extending section 1 and rearward ~~7-sight-line~~ extensions 7 are preferably of one color or finish (shown), contrasting with any adjacent putterhead portions visible to a golfer from above, or have a black or dark line (not shown) centered on said surface 10.

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines <sup>4-15</sup> ~~10-21~~, and replace with the following amended paragraph.

Figs. 4, 5, and 6 show a preferred embodiment of the present invention where the forward hosel extending section 12 extends approximately 1/2 golf ball diameter

extending sight line 11. Said rearward extension 7 does not function as a hosel (shaft to clubhead connection), but provides or supports said rearward extending sight line 10, and may help support the faceplate 2 and said forward extending hosel section 1 through (not shown) or above it (shown), or the sole 8. In this embodiment, the distance between the sole plane of the putterhead 8 and the straight shaft connection point 9 is equal to or slightly less than 5 inches or 12.7 mm as currently required under The USGA Rules of Golf. The end of said upward hosel section 4 is fitted with a stop surface 9 and a slip over protrusion or rod 30 (shown) or socket (not shown) for receiving and attaching via adhesive or other means, a puttershaft 5. That portion of the putterhead with said rearward extension 7 with rearward sight line 10 on top, protruding rearward from the putterface 2 has a length equal to or slightly less than the horizontal width of said putterhead 2. ~~The horizontal plane upper surface~~ Said forward extending sight line 11 and rearward extending sight line 10 of both above said forward extending section 1 and rearward extension 7, respectively, are preferably of one color or finish (shown), contrasting with any adjacent putterhead portions visible to a golfer from above, or have a black or dark line (not shown) centered on said surface 10.

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Please delete the paragraphs beginning on page 8, lines <sup>16</sup>22-25, and page 9, lines <sup>20</sup>1-25, and replace with the following amended paragraphs.

In Figs. 4, 5, and 6, the upper horizontal Said rearward extending sight line 10